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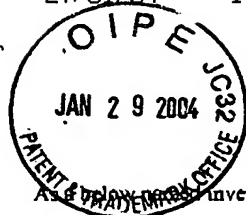
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WINSTON & STRAWN DOCKET NO.: 81421-4032

DECLARATION FOR NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

As the sole inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below at 201 et seq. beneath my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural names are listed at 201 et seq. below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

FLOOR TILE FLOORING CONNECTED BY TONGUE AND GROOVE JOINTS AND COVERED FASTENERS

- ☒ is attached hereto
☒ which is identified by docket No. 81421-4032
☐ was on _____ as Application No. _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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DK PA 2001 01766	Denmark	November 28, 2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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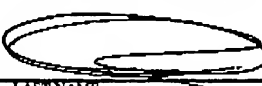
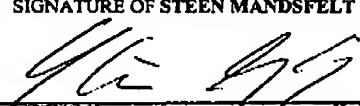
I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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PCT/DK02/00188	March 21, 2002	X		

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

2 0 1	FULL NAME OF INVENTOR	LAST NAME FAXE	FIRST NAME Per	MIDDLE NAME	
	RESIDENCE & CITIZENSHIP	CITY Hornbæk	STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY Denmark	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP Denmark	
	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	STREET Svinggardsvej 1	CITY Hornbæk	STATE OR COUNTRY Denmark	ZIP CODE DK-3100
	SIGNATURE OF PER FAXE  20/12-03			DATE 20/12-03	
2 0 2	FULL NAME OF INVENTOR	LAST NAME ERIKSEN	FIRST NAME Steen	MIDDLE NAME Mandsfelt	
	RESIDENCE & CITIZENSHIP	CITY Græsted	STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY Denmark	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP Denmark	
	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	STREET Larsensvej 10	CITY Græsted	STATE OR COUNTRY Denmark	ZIP CODE DK-3230
	SIGNATURE OF STEEN MANDSFELT ERIKSEN 			DATE	
2 0 3	FULL NAME OF INVENTOR	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	
	RESIDENCE & CITIZENSHIP	CITY	STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	
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	SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 205			DATE	



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Per FAXE and Steen Mandsfelt ERIKSEN

Application No.:

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

For: FLOOR TILE FLOORING CONNECTED BY TONGUE AND GROOVE-JOINTS AND COVERED FASTENERS Attorney Docket No.: 81421-4032

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
[37 CFR 1.27(a)(2) - Small Business Concern]

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act
in behalf of the concern identified below:

FAXE DESIGN A/S
Karl Olsensvej 4-6
DK-3100 Hornbæk
Denmark

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.27(a)(2), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the person employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern and/or there is an obligation under contract or law by the inventor(s) to convey rights to the small business concern with regard to the invention entitled **FLOOR TILE FLOORING CONNECTED BY TONGUE AND GROOVE-JOINTS AND COVERED FASTENERS** by Per FAXE and Steen Mandsfelt ERIKSEN, described in

☒ the application which is identified by docket No. 81421-4032

☐ application no. _____ filed _____

☐ patent no. _____ issued _____

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(1) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(2), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(3).

FULL NAME: N/A
ADDRESS: _____

☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 CFR 1.27 (g)]

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, and patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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212-294-3311

Name of Person Signing: PER FAXE

Title other than Owner: ADM. DIR / MANAGING DIRECTOR

Address of Signer: SVINGGÅRDS VGS 1

3100 HORNBAEK

DENMARK

Signature: 

Date: 20/12-03

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention availing to their status as small entities.



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**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE
AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application hereby appoints Allan A. Fanucci (Reg. No. 30,256) of WINSTON & STRAWN (Customer No. 28765) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please direct all correspondence for this application to Customer No. 28765 to the attention of Allan A. Fanucci (telephone (212) 294-3311, facsimile (212) 294-4700).

An assignment of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application is submitted herewith for recording.

FAXE DESIGN A/S

Signature:

20/12-03

Typed Name:

PER FAXE

Position/Title:

ADM. DIR. / MANAGING DIRECTOR

Address:

Karl Olsensvej 4-6

DK-3100 Hornbæk

Denmark

Date:

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE,

Per FAXE, a citizen of Denmark

residing at Svinggardsvej 1, DK-3100 Hornbæk; and

Steen Mandsfelt ERIKSEN, a citizen of Denmark

residing at Larsensvej 10, DK-3230 Græsted

ASSIGNORS, are the inventors of the invention in **FLOOR TILE FLOORING CONNECTED BY TONGUE AND GROOVE-JOINTS AND COVERED FASTENERS**, for which an application for a Patent of the United States which we have executed is attached hereto.

and WHEREAS, FAXE DESIGN A/S an individual business having a place of business at Karl Olsensvej 4-6, DK-3100 Hornbæk, ASSIGNEE is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date 20/12-03, 2003 s/s



Per FAXE

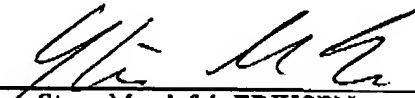
On 22/12-03, 2003, before me, ANNE DORTE ROSENSTAND Witness, appeared, Per FAXE, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

Date 22/12-03, 2003



Witness ANNE DORTE ROSENSTAND

Date 26 January, 200⁴₃ s/s



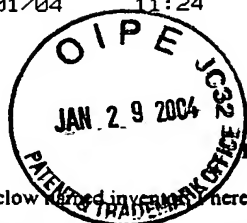
Steen Mandsfelt ERIKSEN

On 26 January, 200⁴₃, before me, SUSSE JENSEN Witness, appeared, Steen Mandsfelt ERIKSEN to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

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Witness



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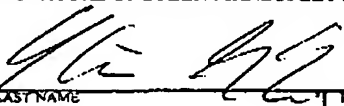
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	SIGNATURE OF PER FAXE 			DATE 20/12-03	
2 0 2	FULL NAME OF INVENTOR	LAST NAME ERIKSEN	FIRST NAME Steen	MIDDLE NAME	
	RESIDENCE & CITIZENSHIP	CITY Græsted	STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY Denmark	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP Denmark	
	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	STREET Larsensvej 10	CITY Græsted	STATE OR COUNTRY Denmark	ZIP CODE DK-3230
	SIGNATURE OF STEEN MANDSFELT ERIKSEN 			DATE	
2 0 3	FULL NAME OF INVENTOR	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	
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